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THE FOLLOWING CABLE WAS DRAFTED BY DR. RUTH MORGENTHAU,
WHO ASKED THAT IT ALSO BE TRANSMITTED TO GOLER BUTCHER OF AID,
JOHN PINO OF THE ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION, AND AMB. GEORGE
MAGOMBE IN ROME.

1. SUMMARY: RUTH MORGENTHAU DISCUSSED FOOD CORPS WITH MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE JOHN MALECELA, AND OTHER TANZANIAN OFFICIALS, IN
DAR APRIL 5 - 8. MALECELA IS EAGER TO PROCEED. HE IS SENDING A LETTER

TO MORGENTHAU AT USUN, ASKING HER TO SEND AN EXPERT TO JOIN A
TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT TEAM; THE TEAM SHOULD START WORK IN JUNE,
PLAN AND WRITE A PROJECT REPORT IN 2 MONTHS. AFTER REVIEW BY
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TANGOV, IT CAN BE USED TO MOBILIZE PERSONNEL AND FUNDS FOR A
FOOD CORPS IN TANZANIA. END SUMMARY.

2. RUTH MORGENTHAU HELD CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTER OF
AGRICULTURE JOHN MALECELA, VINCENT MRISHO OF THE MINISTRY OF
AGRICULTURE, DR. J. MAEDA OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE,
A.N. MWANISONGOLE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND PLANNING,

MISS JOAN WICKEN OF THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE. SHE ALSO SPOKE WITH UNDP REPRESENTATIVE AND THE FAO REPRESENTATIVE IN DAR.

3. MR. MALECELA HEARD MORGENTHAU'S REPORT OF THE WEST AFRICAN CILSS DECISION TO SET UP A FOOD CORPS PLANNING TEAM AND PILOT VILLAGES. HE SAID TANZANIA WAS A STAGE AHEAD OF THE SAHEL. THEY ARE BUILDING VILLAGE STRUCTURES AND REACHING VILLAGERS. TANZANIANS KNOW THE PROBLEMS AND VILLAGERS HAVE ALREADY TALKED WITH GOVERNMENT ABOUT WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE: BETTER TRANSPORT AND ROADS, BETTER SEEDS, BETTER EQUIPMENT AND MACHINE SHOPS, BETTER WATER MANAGEMENT, WELL AND PUMP MAINTENANCE, AND SO FORTH.

4. THE FOOD CORPS CONSULTATIONS ARE TAKING PLACE JUST WHEN THE TANZANIA GOVERNMENT IS PUTTING INTO PLACE NEW VILLAGE STRUCTURES. TO MANAGE RURAL DEVELOPMENT, THEY HOPE TO NAME SOME 8000 VILLAGE MANAGERS, WHO WOULD NEED TO WORK OUT WITH THE VILLAGERS, WHAT TO DO AND HOW TO DO IT. MOREOVER, TANZANIA HAS HAD A RELATIVELY GOOD HARVEST, AND IS PREOCCUPIED THIS YEAR WITH TRANSPORT, STORAGE, MARKETING AND DIVERSIFICATION OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION. TANZANIAN OFFICIALS SAID FOOD CORPS COULD BE VERY HELPFUL AT THIS STAGE BY PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO VILLAGES. SOME TANZANIANS BELIEVE THE WARD LEVEL (ADMINISTRATIVE DIVISION OF FIVE TO TEN VILLAGES) MIGHT BE THE CORRECT PLACE IN WHICH TO PLACE GROUPS OF FOOD CORPS SPECIALIZED VOLUNTEERS; THEY WOULD COVER MORE THAN ONE VILLAGE, PERHAPS A CLUSTER.

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5. IN PLANNING A FOOD CORPS, TANZANIANS PREFER NOT TO SPEAK OF PILOT PROJECTS. THEY WOULD RATHER SPEAK OF YEAR I IN BUILDING A FOOD CORPS.

6. MALECELA AGREED A PLANNING TEAM SHOULD BE SET UP INCLUDING ONE PERSON THAT DR. MORGENTHAU WOULD RECOMMEND, TO START WORK IN JUNE. (THE OUTSIDE EXPERT WOULD COVER HIS OWN COSTS; TANZANIANS WOULD COVER THE COST OF INTERNAL TRAVEL FOR THE GROUP. HE DID SUGGEST AN EXPERT WITH A FOUR-WHEEL VEHICLE WOULD BE DOUBLY WELCOME.) IN THE MEANTIME, THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD WORK OUT THE PROCEDURES, AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES.

7. HE INSTRUCTED V. MRISHO TO TAKE THE LAD, AND TO WORK IN LIAISON WITH THE PRIME MINISTER'S AND OTHER RELEVANT GOVERNMENT OFFICES. THESE INTERNAL TANZANIAN PROCEDURES ARE CRITICAL. TANZANIA HAS A CAREFULLY PROGRAMMED POLICY OF EDUCATION LEADING DIRECTLY INTO PREPARED SLOTS. THE MINISTER SAID A FOOD CORPS SHOULD NOT DRAW QUALIFIED TANZANIANS OUT OF THESE SLOTS. RATHER, THE TEAM MUST FIGURE OUT WHERE TO RECRUIT TANZANIANS, SOME PERHAPS FROM FORMER VI GRADUATES, AND HOW TO TRAIN THEM IN THE AGRICULTURAL SPECIALTIES. HE ALSO SPOKE OF THESE NOW IN THE AGRICULTURAL

SECONDARY SCHOOLS, AS POSSIBLE VOLUNTEERS. INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS WILL ALSO NEED CAREFULL SELECTION, TO HAVE THE BEST TECHNICAL SKILLS, AND RESPECT FOR TANZANIA'S OPTION OF SOCIALIST VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT.

8. THE TEAM IS EXPECTED TO PRODUCE A FOOD CORPS PLAN IN TWO MONTHS, THAT CAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE TANZANIAN GOVERNMENT FOR ITS APPROVAL IN AUGUST. MALECELA EXPECTS THAT TO TAKE ANOTHER TWO MONTHS, AND BE DONE BY OCTOBER. BY NOVEMBER, THE PLAN CAN BE SUBMITTED TO DIFFERENT DONORS, TO MOBILIZE FUNDS, STAFF, EXPERTS, EQUIPMENT, TRAINING AND BACK-UP. MALECELA HOPES FUNDING COULD BE SOUGHT BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR. HE IS ANXIOUS FOR FOOD CORPS TO BE MULTILATERALLY ORGANIZED, FUNDED AND STAFFED.

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9. MR. MALECELA WILL WRITE A LETTER TO DR. MORGENTHAU ASKING FOR THE EXPERT, AND SETTING FORTH THE TANZANIAN UNDERSTANDING OF NOW TO PROCEED.
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